

# THE DAILY STAR.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY.

St. Louis is now on the right track in making "social evil" laws. We wish her success.

HENRY WARD BEECHER holds the hand of his dearly beloved wife much of the time in the Court-room. How very touching!

WHILE the Common Council of this city have the street railroad question under consideration, let them make special provision for "no seat, no pay."

THE Liberal party of England will select a leader on the 3d of February. They are looking around for a man not as much given to writing as is Mr. Gladstone.

THE Indians are discussing the propriety of taking the business of expelling the Black Hills miners with their own hands, and when the snow melts and the flowers grow they propose to help make it warm in that locality.

THE Chicago deposits in B. F. Allen's bank that lately broke, amount to about \$200,000, of which \$50,000 are due on Jack Sturges' certified margin checks—Sturges being the Board of Trade operator—that is, speculator in cornering grain—that is, thief in the worst sense of the term. The bank was an abettor of the thief. This is one objection to the National Banks. They have debauched the banking business. Banking honor and honesty have received a severe blow at their hands.

THE Senate Committee on Railroads are to-day considering Col. Tom Scott's modest request in behalf of the Texas Pacific railroad. It was decided to report adversely on the other jobs, but Col. Scott's request was so moderate and urged with so much delicacy that it was thought entitled to further consideration. He does not ask another subsidy nor an increase of privileges; he merely desires that the Government shall go security for the bonds that he proposes to issue. Going security is easy enough. There are men all over the country that will testify to that fact.

## PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

In 1800 the ordinary expenses of the general government amounted to \$1.40 per head of the population, and the people were so shocked at the official extravagance that Van Buren was most ingloriously defeated by the "Log-cabin Boy." In 1850 the amount had reached \$1.60 per head, in spite of the reform of 1840. In 1860 the people paid just \$1.84 each to the general government, and Mr. Buchanan was very much abused by the very men who can not see how the expense of the Federal Government can be got below \$4.30 per head, the cost of national taxation in 1870. The increase from 1840 to 1850 was 14 per cent.; from 1850 to 1860, 20 per cent.; and from 1860 to 1870, 128 per cent. The increase of population would have been about uniform at 35 per cent. for each of the three decades, had it not been for the rebellion.

Resides this, the increase of taxation from State, county, city and town purposes, was from \$3.00 per head in 1860 to \$7.00 per head in 1870—an increase of 133 per cent. The aggregate expense of government in the United States has increased from \$4.94 per head in 1860 to \$11.30 in 1870. It now costs the people of the Republic \$50.50 per family to defray their public expenses. And yet there has been very little if any increase of taxation for school and benevolent purposes. In respect to the expense of living, the panic, finding all industries gorged, has reduced cotton and woolen goods to nearly the level of 1860. Groceries are still considerably higher, while rents have increased at about the rate of the increase of taxation, though rents for the poorer classes are higher still.

The wages of common labor at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day gives the common laborers about an even chance with 1860, though labor has not been so abundant for more than a year. The farmers are made worse off than they were in 1860, because their incomes are positively less while their expenses are greater. On the whole, the people are not making so much as in 1860 while they are compelled to pay 128 per cent. per head more by taxation than fifteen years ago. The farmers pay on both their farms and personally and in the increased cost of taxed articles which they consume, while the poor pay in the shape of indirect taxes, though they should not pay taxes in any shape.

When the Democracy get into power they can try their financial ability in cutting down public expenditures.

## THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Farmers' State Convention in Illinois, that adjourned on Thursday, appointed delegates to the National Convention called to meet in Cleveland, on the 11th of March next, to consider the industrial interests of the country. It looks as if the Cleveland Convention might begin an important movement. We take it that all labor organizations will be admitted to representation in that body. To make it expressive, the working classes should be lively during the coming month in getting out a large delegation. It is time to be moved and commenced if anything is to be attempted at the next Presidential campaign.

This meeting at Cleveland should be sufficiently significant to secure a general co-operation of the working classes, and insure a grand demonstration at a Presidential Nominating Convention in 1876. It seems to us that there would be so difficult in securing a grand rally

and a triumphant election of the next President in the interest of labor as against monopoly. If the scheme of reform could be made sufficiently broad and comprehensive great enthusiasm could be evoked.

As to the farmers, they have good ideas, though they are somewhat limited to their own selfish interests. They do not sufficiently consider the welfare of the whole people. Many of their leaders are themselves interested in a certain monopoly, and look with disgust upon its abolition—while, in fact, it is more oppressive than all other monopolies combined. A selfish political scheme can not succeed. The principle of whose bull goes the ox will be fatal to any effort in behalf of the working classes. A selfish scheme would be no improvement upon politics as they are at present, and powder need not be wasted in that behalf. A new movement must be pervaded by a soul-inspiring gospel of truth, justice and virtue, or it will overwhelm the movers with derision and shame.

As far as the expression of the Illinois farmers goes it is well enough; but it is too contracted and one-sided. They declare—

1. Against class legislation.
2. For reduction of salaries.
3. For the improvement of the national water-courses.
4. For the removal of the tariff on clothing, lumber, salt, iron and steel.
5. Why did you not include wool, wheat, and all other duties that belong to class legislation? Don't give the iron workers of Pennsylvania a chance to laugh at you.
6. Against further aid to corporations.
7. The repeal of the Banking Act and the substitution of legal tenders for bank notes, the legal tenders to be convertible into a 365 bond.

This is all right provided the aim shall be to bring the legal tenders to a gold basis so soon as circumstances shall permit. The 365 bond will be inoperative because it will be severely let alone.

8. Against any Congressional legislation that will take the supervision of railroads from the States.
9. Forbidding the reception of railway passes by officials.

With such amendments as we have suggested this is all right.

We have but two propositions to add. While the farmers were resolving for the abolition of tariff duties they should have told the people where a supply of revenue could be obtained. We, therefore, add:

10. An income tax graduated from 2½ to 20 per cent. with an exemption of \$1,000.
11. They sadly overlooked the great crime of land monopoly. Too many of them are monopolists, we fear. Such leaders must repent before they can conduct a great party to power. We, therefore, add:

No more of the public domain for any man, corporation or purpose except for the actual settler in quarter section allotments; and a careful looking-after the lands donated to corporations and getting them back on any fair pretext for doing so.

## The Apple.

The apple is said to be of Eastern origin. It is mentioned in the Bible, and by Herodotus, Pliny, and other ancient writers. Many varieties were cultivated about Rome. More than twenty different kinds are spoken of by Pliny, but they can be distinguished from his brief descriptions among the varieties now in existence. It is thought that the Romans introduced this fruit into England along with the pear; but we find no mention of it until after the establishment of Christianity, when the monks began to plant extensive orchards, and made the apple common throughout the country. The early settlers of this country brought over apple trees, and were aided in the propagation of the fruit by the Indians, who planted many orchards all over New England.

In its adapted country the apple has attained to greater perfection than anywhere else in the world. The census returns for 1870 state the value of the apple crop at forty-seven millions of dollars. More than a million of acres are under cultivation as apple orchards, and the area of land devoted to this purpose is increasing every year. Large quantities of American apples are exported to England, to China, and the East Indies. The apple-tree is by no means handsome, either in a wild or cultivated state. The shape is irregular, and the bark, as the tree attains maturity, becomes rough and scaly.

But nothing can be more beautiful than an apple orchard in blossom, and landscape painters are fond of rendering the lovely colors it presents. Few trees are more tenacious of life than the apple. The best artificial varieties last from fifteen to many specimens are known in New England nearly two hundred years old that still bear fruit. Many of our readers know of crabbed-looking old apple trees off in lonely meadows, where some half-faded cellar-hole and perhaps a wall-stone door-step tell that a farmer's house stood in olden time, whose knotty branches every summer still sustain a goodly load of fruit.

There are two ways of seeing the world as you travel; or, rather, there is one way of seeing it, and one way of not seeing it. If you really wish to see a country and the people of a country, you must go down among the middle classes, and even among the poor, and make your home there. As for the upper classes, you can sit down in New York and see the wealthy and travelled Venetian, Chinaman or Hindoo without the trouble of going abroad. You can also go to a first-class hotel in Venice, or China, or India, and keeping all the time in first-class hotels—kept half the time by your own countrymen, and all as nearly alike as two peas—and you will see the same faces and meet the same manners you have with you in your first-class hotel at home.

## A MORNING SONG.

I wake this morn, and all my life  
Is freshly mine to live;  
The future with sweet promise lies,  
And crown of joy to give.

New words to speak, new thoughts to hear,  
To give and to receive;  
Perchance new burden I may bear,  
For love's own sweetest sake.

New hopes to open in the sur,  
New efforts worth the will,  
Or tasks with yesterday begun,  
More bravely to fulfill.

Fresh seeds for all the time to be,  
Are in my hand to sow,  
Whereby for others and for me,  
Undeared-of fruit may grow.

In each white daisy 'mid the grass  
That turns my foot aside,  
In every flower and leaf I pass,  
Some sweetest joy may hide.

And if, when evening shall fall  
I find my thoughts recall  
That life of every day.

Yet if each step in shine or shower  
Be where Thy footstep trod,  
Then blessed be every happy hour  
That leads me nearer God.

## THE LONG CHASE.

Phil and I were schoolmates in former years and friends later in life. Miss Diana Davenport was an acknowledged queen in society when I first knew her, and it did not take me long to discover that Phil loved her. And I had already begun to look upon Phil as a married man, when one night he burst into the room, dived into a box in a corner, his face in another, and sinking into a chair, covered his face with his hands and gave vent to a groan of half-suppressed agony.

"Why, Phil?" I said, hastening over to him, "are you hurt? Has any accident occurred?"

I looked at him from head to foot, half expecting to see the blood flow from a recent wound.

"There are no limbs broken, Hal," he said, looking up with a face so distorted and pale I scarcely knew it for his own; "only the heart. Hal, I have got my death-blow. Diana belongs to another."

"Married?" I gasped.

"Just the same. She's been engaged to a colonel in the army for two years. They are to be married this fall."

"But Phil, put his hand on my arm.

"Don't, Hal," he said, pleadingly. "I can't bear it; besides, I think she scarcely knew the danger we were in till it was too late. I believe she loves me, Hal, as I love her, as I shall always love her; but that doesn't help any."

"Can nothing be done?" I asked.

"Nothing," he replied, with an accent of despair. "Only let us get away from here as soon as possible; let us hasten our plans for travel. I beg of you, Hal, put as many miles between me and her as you can."

"Right afterward we were upon the ocean."

"One night we sat outside the tents, in Africa, whether we had gone with a party on a hunting tour, Phil and I, and smoked long and contemplatively."

He held an old newspaper to his eyes for a moment, then he broke, his eyes rolled to his feet, looking about him as if bewildered.

"What is it, Phil?" I cried, rushing for my rifle—"a lion? a serpent?"

"He sank back upon the smooth bit of alkali that served him for a seat, picked up his hat, and began to mutter, in a trembling voice, that Colonel John Talbot had been killed on the American plains by the Indians."

"That's rather rough for Talbot," I remarked; "but I can't exactly see how it affects us."

"Colonel John Talbot," repeated Phil, in an impressive whisper, "is the man to whom Diana was engaged."

"A widow?" I murmured, with the accent of a Weller.

Phil looked at the date of the newspaper, and found it had been printed only a fortnight after we left the old college town.

"I might, after all, have been first man," I remarked.

Nothing now would do but to take up the thread of life for Phil where it was so rudely snapt asunder.

the passing steamer, would like to join her. It was impossible to throw a plank across the ocean; besides, she was already out of sight; and Phil rushed to the shore, and gave up the idea of extending our passage for the other side again and sail as soon as possible.

I confess it began to wear the aspect of a chase to me, and appealed to my taste for hunting. Then, I suppose, beauty such as hers, seen through a strong glass, had an effect of nervousness upon me. At all events, I began to take a keen interest in the passion of my friend. When we reached the other side all trace of the fair fugitive was lost. All we could do was to travel about the continent in the hope of encountering her or hearing about her party. One fine autumn morning we landed on the banks of a mountain resort in Saxony. We leaned over the railing that incloses the plateau on the top of the mountain, and looked admiringly down upon the stretch of country beneath. Upon the river, Elbe, that looked to our American eyes like a little stream, we saw, crowded together, these little Dutch steamers that continually piddle up and down, and suddenly the view became intensely interesting. I looked through the glass again; yes, there she was, without a doubt, more graceful and enchanting than ever, upon the deck of that lumbering little steamer below.

I called to Phil. He bent, he looked, and stretching over with a yearning, steady movement, he lost his balance and fell!

Fell down the sheer edge of the rock, grasping as he went at every tuft of lichen and grass, at every shrub that rapidly shot out of his reach. I watched him with agonized suspense, when suddenly his coat caught upon the jagged wall of the precipice, and held him suspended over the chasm beneath. He was partly supported by a trail ledge beneath him; and to this bit of rock I was determined to descend if in the end I could not reach him by other way of saving Phil—none whatever; it must be done immediately; and he who has risked his life in mad encounters with savage beasts can surely afford to do so in behalf of the friend of his soul. Around me flocked a crowd of stary Germans; anxious to help me, but I was too busy to notice them. I was brought, fastened firmly upon my waist, and I was lowered, a hand-breadth at a time, by my honest friends above. At last my foot trembled upon the thin piece of slate upon which Phil rested. Grasping the rope with one hand, I disengaged the other, and, slipping slowly into the position he had taken, and binding the rope about my poor Phil, I had the joy to see him finally lifted into the arms of my comrades above.

Loud shouts arose from the plateau, and we rushed to the little steamer below, from the deck of which my perilous undertaking had been watched with intense interest. With difficulty I succeeded in keeping my hold upon this ledge of the precipice until the rope came back to me, and when I found it about my waist, and when I perceived that I was not dizzy, and that I preceded unconsciousness. Reaching the top, I escaped from the embraces of my Teutonic friends, and made my way to the chamber in the hostelry where they had taken Phil. A doctor was already with him, and declared that, although his arm was broken, his system had received a nervous shock, and that he would need careful nursing. So I took my place by the side of Phil, and nursed him in Germany as he had ministered to me in Africa. He got well sooner than I did, but modesty compelled him to stay some time of better nursing. His collar-bone and right arm were not smashed, neither had he the skin torn direct from the scalp over his eyes—which leads me to the opinion that a collision with a rock is less formidable than one with a lion. When the doctor was called upon for nursing in the pretty Saxony town then in the heart of Africa; and, besides, I wasn't the only nurse he had; a lady traveling in the vicinity kindly aided me. She was not altogether a stranger to Phil—nor to me, for that matter.

She was very gentle and beautiful, with that winning way about her that reaches the heart, magnetizes it, and enthralls it, without the exact knowledge of that organ.

There was something in the slight pressure of her hand upon Phil's forehead, the gleam of her brilliant eyes, her voice, the soft gleaming of her luminous eyes through the dimmed light of the sick-room, that made her presence consoling, healing, divine.

Then when Phil had fallen into slumber she came to me, her fellow-watcher, and ministered to me with the same tender care, the same interest to my relation of our adventures in Africa, and was especially never tired of a terrible struggle of mine with a male lion in the defile of the mountains. She described, and my glowing, grateful, and touching with her slender fingers the scars upon my face, pronounced them beautiful, while I, alas! caught and kissed those gentle fingers, and wished that Phil's convalescence were not so rapid, and that we might forever be together, and my gentle, grateful, and touching with her slender fingers the scars upon my face, pronounced them beautiful, while I, alas! caught and kissed those gentle fingers, and wished that Phil's convalescence were not so rapid, and that we might forever be together, and my gentle, grateful, and touching with her slender fingers the scars upon my face, pronounced them beautiful, while I, alas! caught and kissed those gentle fingers, and wished that Phil's convalescence were not so rapid, and that we might forever be together, and my gentle, grateful, and touching with her slender fingers the scars upon my face, pronounced them beautiful, while I, alas! caught and kissed those gentle fingers, and wished that Phil's convalescence were not so rapid, and that we might forever be together, and my gentle, grateful, and touching with her slender fingers the scars upon my face, pronounced them beautiful, while I, alas! 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